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The Honorable Dale E. Ho United States District Judge U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

> United States v. M/Y Amadea, No. 23-cv-9304 (DEH) Re:

Dear Judge Ho:

Pursuant to the Court's order (ECF No. 244), the parties submit this joint letter regarding the location of Khudainatov's deposition. The two countries identified in previous correspondence as potentially acceptable to both parties as locations for the deposition have acknowledged the United States's requests for the deposition to take place there, but have not yet provided substantive responses either granting or denying permission. The Government has continued to ask for such a response. (The same is true as to the third country from which the Government sought permission, but to which Khudainatov objects). In light of the recent discovery extension, the parties jointly request that they submit a status report on this issue on or before October 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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